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## MMC Hurell named Engineer of the Quarter

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**USS KITTY HAWK, At Sea** -- Chief Machinist's Mate (SW/AW) Alphonso Hurell of USS Kitty Hawk (CV 63) was named the Naval Air Forces, Pacific Fleet, Engineer of the Quarter for the second quarter of 2006.

According to the message announcing his selection, Hurell was recognized as being crucial to the completion of the ship's most recent repair period, which took place between January and early May 2006.

The Georgetown, S.C., native was cited for managing the required paperwork for more than 1,100 different maintenance jobs totaling more than 38,000 man-hours of repairs during the five-month period.

These jobs ranged from the re-tubing of a major part of the ship's engineering system to completion of required five-year inspections on three of the ship's eight boilers.

"Work hard and let your work speak for you, that's my philosophy," said Hurell. "Honest, hard work pays off. That's how it should be."

Hurell serves as leading chief petty officer of the ship's propulsion division. The propulsion division is in charge of supplying steam and potable water to the ship.

In addition to his normal duties, Hurell also holds other positions. He is part of the engineering training team that helps coordinate and oversee all engineering drills aboard Kitty Hawk. Hurell also serves as his department's equal opportunity representative.

"I just do my job to the best of my ability and take pride in the work I do," Hurell said, "I was honored and humbled to be chosen for this award."

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Hurell was one of the six nominees from the Navy's Pacific Ocean-based aircraft carrier fleet. He has been in the Navy for more than 22 years and aboard the Yokosuka, Japan-based Kitty Hawk since July 2005.

The Kitty Hawk Strike Group is the largest carrier strike group in the Navy. It includes the Kitty Hawk, the aircraft squadrons and staff of Carrier Air Wing 5, the guided-missile cruisers USS Chancellorsville (CG 62) and USS Cowpens (CG 63), and Destroyer Squadron 15 staff. The group's ships and destroyer squadron staff are based at Fleet Activities Yokosuka, Japan, and the air wing and staff are based at Naval Air Facility Atsugi, Japan.

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